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Dear Active Duty Service Member:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a new benefit your family members may be eligible for called the TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members Waived Charges Benefit.

If you are:

- An Active Duty Service Member (ADSM) of the Uniformed Services (United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration),
- Assigned to a duty assignment far from the traditional health care support network of the Services treatment facilities,
- And, reside with your family,

your family members could be eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members Waived Charges Benefit. To verify if you are TRICARE Prime Remote-eligible, visit the TRICARE Prime Remote website or call the number, both listed below.

The Waived Charges Benefit is a temporary provision that starts in August 2001. It is designed to reduce your family members' out of pocket healthcare costs until TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members (TPRFM) is implemented in 2002. This provision is retroactive to October 30, 2000, which means you can be reimbursed for TRICARE costs for covered medical care benefits received from October 30, 2000, until TPRFM is finally in place.

The Waived Charges Benefit includes all authorized TRICARE cost shares, co-payments, and deductibles. It does not cover costs associated with claims for non-TRICARE covered benefits, claims received from a non-authorized TRICARE provider, for point-of-service charges, pharmacy cost-share since April 1, 2001, and/or claims associated with cost-shares from the Program for Persons with Disabilities (PFPWD).

For additional information please refer to the Waived Charges brochure enclosed, visit us on the Web at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil), or call us at 1-877-DOD-CARE (1-877-363-2273).

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Carrato  
Executive Director

Enclosure:  
As stated